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The following is an OFFICIAL RESPONSE to an Office Action filed December 17, 2003, in the below-identified U.S. Patent Application.

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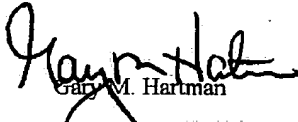
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

The undersigned attorney respectfully requests a two-month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action of December 17, 2003 (Paper No. 8), such that this response is due on May 17, 2004. Please charge the \$210.00 fee for filing this response to the deposit account of Hartman & Hartman, P.C., Account No. 08-0960.

In response to the Office Action, please amend the above-identified United States patent application as follows: